

CITY OF HAYWARD AGENDA REPORT

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05/23/06

WORK SESSION ITEM

TO:

Mayor and City Council

FROM:

Director of Community and Economic Development

SUBJECT:

FY 2006-07 Annual Paratransit Plan and Gap Fund Application

RECOMMENDATION:

It is recommended that the City Council adopt the attached resolution authorizing the City Manager to submit the FY 2006-07 Annual Paratransit Plan and Application for Measure B Gap Funds, and to execute related documents.

DISCUSSION:

The Alameda County Transportation Improvement Authority (ACTIA) administers the allocation of Measure B funds used to support the operations of the Hayward Paratransit Program. FY 2006-07 is the fourth of a four year Agreement between ACTIA and the City of Hayward related to the distribution and utilization of Measure B funds for this purpose.

The City is required under the Agreement to submit an Annual Paratransit Program Plan (Plan) for the expenditure of Measure B paratransit funds. In accordance with the multi-year Agreement, the City submitted its Plan by the April 4, 2006 deadline for a total of \$689,973. The City's Plan has been reviewed and recommended for full funding by ACTIA's staff and the Paratransit Advisory and Planning Committee (PAPCO).

Because the time between the release of the application package and the submittal deadline is abbreviated, ACTIA established a separate deadline for the submission of the Council's authorizing resolution, which is May 31, 2006. The Plan was developed with input from the City's Paratransit Advisory Committee whose membership includes representatives from different user groups of the Hayward Paratransit Program, as well as representatives from the Hayward Human Services Commission.

The FY 2006-07 Annual Paratransit Plan calls for the continuation of the three paratransit service components that are currently in place. The primary service provides traditional paratransit services to older adults and persons with disabilities on an individual and group basis. This component is currently carried out through a contract with MV Transportation, Inc., a private transportation company.

The Contract with MV Transportation will complete its third-year extension on June 30, 2006. In accordance with City policy, the Paratransit Program Contract is put out to bid at least every three years. A Request for Proposals for the Hayward Paratransit Program Contract was released on April 19, 2006; proposals are due May 10, 2006, and the selection of a provider is scheduled to take place by June 1, 2006.

The other two *specialized* paratransit service contracts that are currently in place (i.e., with Meals on Wheels and the Alzheimer's Services of the East Bay) also expire on June 30, 2006. Both contractors continue to meet a paratransit need not addressed by the primary contractor, and both are sole-source providers - meaning they are the only contractors in the area that provide these particular services. Based on the availability of Measure B funds, the continued need for these two specialized services, and the successful performance of these two contractors, it is recommended that the City continue to work with these two providers.

Through a separate competitive funding allocation process, Hayward has also submitted an application for an additional \$200,000 per year for a two-year period (July 1, 2006 through June 30, 2008) totaling \$400,000 in Measure B "Gap" Funds to pay for what is being called the Hayward Ride-Today program. This program is designed to deliver "same-day" paratransit services (using a non-taxi service model) to Hayward Paratransit Program participants. Same-day paratransit services were identified in ACTIA's 2003 Paratransit Services Gap Assessment as one of the most frequently cited service gaps. PAPCO and ACTIA staff are recommending that the City receive \$355,700 for the two-year period, the same amount recommended for a similar project (designed to provide same-day services using taxis) in southern Alameda County. The two pilot-programs will be compared to one another for service quality and cost effectiveness.

ACTIA is scheduled to make its final funding decision for base program allocations and Gap Fund applications on June 22, 2006.

It is recommended that the City Council authorize the City Manager to execute documents to implement both the base funding and gap fund paratransit applications.

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Approved by:

Jesús Armas, City Manager

Resolution



RESOLUTION NO. 06-

Introduced	by	Council	Member	
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RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE CITY MANAGER TO SUBMIT A PARATRANSIT PLAN AND APPLICATION FOR MEASURE B GAP FUNDS FOR FY 2006-07 TO THE ALAMEDA COUNTY TRANSPORTATION IMPROVEMENT AUTHORITY, AND NEGOTIATE AND EXECUTE ALL DOCUMENTS RELATED TO AND IN SUPPORT OF THESE ACTIVITIES

BE IT RESOLVED by the City Council of the City of Hayward that the City Manager is authorized and directed, on behalf of the City of Hayward, to submit to the Alameda County Transportation Improvement Authority a Paratransit Plan and Gap Fund Application for the expenditure of Measure B Paratransit funds in FY 2006-07.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the City Manager shall have the

City Attorney of the City of Hayward